



Crook County Planning Commission

August 24, 2021

Re: Knife River Corporation-Northwest's Request for Plan Amendment

We are Crook County residents who live and own property located 6741 NW Lamonta Road. We have lived at this address for 16+ years. We obtain our domestic water from a 49 foot shallow well that we manage with great care. We were shocked when we read the sign on our neighbor's barn that Knife River had requested an amendment to the Inventory of Significant Aggregate Sites in our county.

We did not receive any communication from the County about this as we are not located in the defined area requiring notices. We are however located adjacent to the northern boundary. We are very concerned about the Knife River's request and the negative affect it would have on our property.

Now that our country has finally begun to recognize that we are experiencing the ravages of climate change, it is disconcerting to think that in Crook County the following environmental issues do not seem to be at top of mind.

1. Ground water is a critical resource in agricultural areas. Knife River admits that "...ground water may be encountered during rock mining". Other parts of the country are already struggling with the damages done to ground water. Good examples are the wells in Klamath County that have gone dry. Why would Crook County want to sign for that? All the residences in the area around the proposed site have domestic wells.
2. Air pollution will emanate from excavation of the aggregate (Webster defines this as a loosely compacted mass, thus obviously creating dust.)
3. Noise from this operation will disturb our bucolic country landscape.
4. Future buyers of property in the county will be horrified at the visual impression made by this heavy industrial area.
5. Devaluation of our property is of great concern to us. Our home is our retirement and we can't afford to lose value.

We request that at the August 25th meeting, the Planning Commission makes time to present what the advantages are for the residents/tax payers and farm families for aggregate mining in our area of the Crook County.

Thank you

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